AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph bridging pages 8 and 9 as follows:

Referring to Fig. 1, reference numeral 1 denotes a license server; numeral 11 denotes a license table for storing licenses that can be used by users; numeral 12 references a terminal ID information table for storing IDs identifying terminals and information on their users; and numeral 13 denotes an issued temporary license information table for storing issuance information on temporary licenses generated from the license table; 20 a table 11. A communication control section 20 is connected to a wired or wireless public communication network or to a private communication network for communicating with terminals; 21 an terminals, such as the exemplary terminal 2. An encryption/decryption control section for performing 21 performs encryption/description processing on a temporary license when exchanging it with a terminal; 22 an terminal 2. An authentication control section for determining 22 determines a user ID ID, based on a terminal ID identifying a terminal to perform authentication processing; 23 an processing. An issuance control section for issuing 20 issues a temporary license based on a license stored in the license table; 24 a table 11. A return control section for updating 24 updates a license stored in the license table 11, when a temporary license has been returned from a terminal; 3 a terminal 2. A communication network 3, such as a wired or wireless public communication network or private communication network; 2 a network, connects the server 1 to a terminal; 30 a 2.

In the terminal 2, communication control section 30 connected connects to a wired or wireless public communication network or private communication the network 3 for communicating with the license server; 31 a server 1. A license module for obtaining,

returning, and managing 31 obtains, returns, and manages a temporary license; 32 an

license. An encryption/decryption section 32 is provided for decrypting encrypted

content content, by use of a content key included in a temporary license and used to

decrypt content; 33 a license. A content reproduction section for reproducing 33

reproduces decrypted content; 34 a content. A temporary license table for storing 34

stores temporary licenses; 35 licenses. A terminal IDs identifying terminals; 36 a An ID

35 identifies each terminal 2. A terminal application for controlling 34 controls the

terminal; and 37 encrypted terminal 2. Encrypted content 37 may be locally stored. The

license table 11, the terminal ID information table 12, the issued temporary license

information table 13, the temporary license table 34, and the encrypted content 37 are

stored in a rewritable storage device. The terminal IDs 35, on the other hand, are stored

in a non-rewritable storage device.